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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that Government have no information in the matter, and that they will get the information."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" If the information (I have furnished) is correct, will the Hon. Minister also get the information as to why the Nizam's Government is taking an advantage over us? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall try to get the additional information also which the hon. Member wants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware of all kinds of conjectures regarding this Tungabhadra Project, and in order to remove certain misgivings from the minds of the public, will Government obtain all possible information both on this side as well as the Hyderabad State, and issue a communique? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government have already decided to issue a communique."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the information asked for by my hon. Friend Mr. Bhima Rao also be included in that? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If we are to wait for that information, it may take some time. I think the communique which we have already decided to issue will be issued. When the additional information becomes available, we shall issue a further communiqué."

Number of Muslims as District Registrars.

* 137 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many vacancies of District Registrars arose from the year 1935 to 1945 and how many of them were filled by Muslims;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in March 1946 seven more posts of District Registrars were created by the bifurcation of the clubbed districts and by the creation of a fresh post;

(*c*) if so, how many of these posts were given to Muslims; and

(*d*) what is the total strength of District Registrars and how many of them are Muslims?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Number of vacancies of District Registrars that arose from 1935–45—44 (four of whom are reserved to be filled by War Service personnel irrespective of communal considerations).

Number filled by Muslims—2.

" (*b*) Six posts of District Registrars with effect from 1st April 1946 and one post of Inspector of Registration offices with effect from 1st December 1946 were created temporarily.

" (*c*) None.

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" (d) Total strength of District Registrars—36.

Number of Muslims among them—3."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, why the claims of Muslims for these temporary appointments were not considered? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" For the temporary appointments, claims of Muslims were considered. Two Muslims' names have since been included in the approved list of District Registrars."

SRI S. B. ADITHYAN :—" May I know, Sir, why the Congress Government should reserve any posts at all for ex-service men? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know, Sir, why the Congress Government should not reserve posts for ex-service men."

Inspecting Textile Commissioners.

* 138 Q.—SRI S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of the Inspecting Textile Commissioners recently appointed ; and

(b) how many of them belong to Andhra and Tamilnad and how many of them are Christians, Muhammadans, Scheduled Castes, Brahmans and Non-Brahmans?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Nineteen Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners were appointed recently.

" (b) Out of the 19 Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners, eight belong to Tamilnad, nine to Andhra Desa, one to South Kanara and one to Malabar.

Christians	Nil.
Muhammadans	2
Scheduled Castes ..	1
Non-Brahmans	8
Brahmans	8."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, how many are from Royalaseema districts? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" From the information available in the file I am not able to give the information at present. I shall call for the information."

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" May I know what are the qualifications prescribed for these officers? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There are no special qualifications prescribed. I think the capacity of each person was ascertained before he was appointed."